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Claims 1 and 8 are independent claims directed respectively at an intelligent network method and an intelligent network. The method and network of the present invention are directed at receiving an origination from a first party using a **network independent address** that is linked to a plurality of network specific addresses, and also including a context for the origination. Because the address received in the origination is network independent, it is necessary to have the context for the origination. The received origination triggers a request for translation of the network independent address into one of a plurality of network specific addresses. The translation is based on the specified context of origination. Afterwards, the origination is completed using the translated network specific address.

Tatchell relates to a method and system for performing screening and prioritizing of incoming calls. For doing so, an interface called a Personal Agent is provided. A subscriber of the Personal Agent may integrate his telephone services (call screening, voice mail, special treatment, distinctive ringing,...) for his many terminals (home phone, business phone, mobile phone) in one location. A party trying to reach a particular terminal of the subscriber will generate an origination message using one of the subscriber terminals' number. The terminals' number are specifically related to the subscriber's terminals, and thus dependent of a network to which each of the terminals belong. Upon receipt of the origination message, a query is made to the Personal Agent to determine proper call treatment to be applied to the origination message. Based on the subscriber's preferences, the call may be completed as such, redirected to an alternate destination, sent to voice mail or other similar call treatments.

Applicant contends that Examiner's reading and understanding of Tatchell is erroneous and being done in hindsight for multiple reasons. First, Tatchell does not teach nor describe using a **network independent address** for reaching a second party as in the presently claimed invention. In Tatchell, the various terminals used by the subscriber of the Personal Agent are all related to a network to which they belong, thus being network dependent. Therefore, Applicants submit that Examiner's reading of Tatchell is erroneous in concluding that Tatchell describes using a network independent address, since network addresses described in Tatchell are network dependent addresses only.

Secondly, Tatchell does not describe the translating of the network independent address to a selected one of the plurality of network specific addresses based on the specified context as the

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presently claimed invention. The Examiner indicates that Tatchell discloses the translation of addresses, but such reading of Tatchell is wrong. Tatchell describes performing call treatment (redirection, termination, etc.) based on criteria entered into the Personal Agent. However, call treatment is not related to **translation from a network independent address to a network dependent address** based on a context. Furthermore, since Tatchell does not describe network independent address, Applicant submits that Tatchell cannot possibly describe the translation from the network independent address to a network dependent address.

For all those reasons, Applicant submits that the invention of claims 1 and 8, and their dependent claims, i.e. claims 2-7 and claims 8-19, are not anticipated and are patentable in view of Tatchell.

The same arguments also apply to claims 20 and 27, which include the same limitations as previously discussed in support of claims 1 and 8. Therefor, Applicant submits that claims 20 and 27, and all their directly and indirectly dependent claims are novel and patentable for the same reasons provided therefor.

Claims 1-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Tatchell in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,069,945 (hereinafter called Brown).

Independent claims 1, 8, 15, 20 and 27 have been previously discussed. Tatchell has also been previously discussed, and its differences clearly highlighted.

Brown is directed to appending an area code to dialed/called local numbers so as to obtain a unique global routing number. By this appending technique, it is possible to route calls at an international level, with the corresponding unique global routing number. However, the dialed/called local number is specific to the network in which the called subscriber is located. Therefor, Brown is directed only to network specific addresses, and does not teach nor describe a network independent address. Furthermore, appending an area code and/or country code cannot be considered as a translation between a network independent address into a network specific address, since the dialed/called local number is already a network specific address. Applicant also wish to highlight the fact that the appending of area code described in Brown, is not based on a context provided in an origination.

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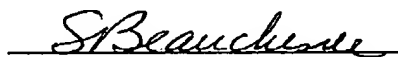
Neither Tatchell nor Brown teach or describe using a **network independent address**, nor its translation into a network specific address based on a context received at origination. Therefor, Applicant submits that the presently claimed invention is patentable in view of Tatchell and Brown. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-38 is therefor requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant would like to highlight the fact that the Examiner has completely disregarded in his report the limitation of using a **network independent address** in an origination message, which is found in all independent claims of the present application. By disregarding such limitation, the Examiner has prematurely concluded that the presently claimed invention is not novel and patentable. The Applicant therefor requires that the Examiner considers this particular limitation, which cannot be found in the prior art on file, and which by itself renders the present claims novel and patentable.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the present patent application is in condition for favourable action. Should the Examiner wish to further discuss the present response or patent application, the undersigned can be reached at (514) 345-7891.

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